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**HOUSE BILL 114**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO MEDICAID; ADDING AN ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY FOR ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES; AMENDING SECTION 27-2B-15 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1998, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 15 AND LAWS 1998, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 15, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 295, SECTION 8 AND BY LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 326, SECTION 8).**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. Section 27-2B-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998, Chapter 8, Section 15 and Laws 1998, Chapter 9, Section 15, as amended by Laws 2001, Chapter 295, Section 8 and by Laws 2001, Chapter 326, Section 8) is amended to read:**

**"27-2B-15. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY. --**

**A. The following are eligible for medicaid:**

**(1) a participant who is in transition to**

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1 self-sufficiency due to employment or child support;

2 (2) a pregnant woman who meets the income and  
3 resource requirements for New Mexico's aid to families with  
4 dependent children as they existed on July 16, 1996;

5 (3) a member of a benefit group who is  
6 eighteen years of age or younger if the benefit group's income  
7 is below one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty  
8 guidelines;

9 (4) a pregnant woman whose income is below one  
10 hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty guidelines;

11 (5) participants receiving federal  
12 supplemental security income;

13 (6) an aged, blind or disabled person in an  
14 institution who meets all the supplemental security income  
15 standards except for income;

16 (7) a person who meets all standards for  
17 institutional care but is cared for at home and meets  
18 eligibility standards for medicaid;

19 (8) a qualified medicare beneficiary,  
20 qualified disabled working person or specified low-income  
21 medicare beneficiary; [~~and~~]

22 (9) a foster child in the custody of the state  
23 or of an Indian pueblo, tribe or nation who meets eligibility  
24 standards for medicare; and

25 (10) to the extent that existing benefits and

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1 eligibility are not reduced, a member of a benefit group who is  
2 over the age of eighteen and whose benefit group's income is  
3 below one hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

4 B. Effective October 1, 2001, for the medicaid  
5 category designated "JUL medicaid" by the department, the  
6 income eligibility criteria shall be the same as the income  
7 eligibility criteria set forth in the New Mexico Works Act. "

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